



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

10:00 AM

Present: Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Moore

The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence will be led by Chairperson Montaña.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaña. (11-4708)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., and noted the lack of a quorum. Commissioners Moore, Hill and Hall joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m., 10:14 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. respectively, establishing a quorum.

2. Approval of the October 19, 2011 Minutes. (11-4709)

On motion of Vice-Chairperson Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2011 were approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for October 26, 2011. (11-4711)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following newspaper articles with the Commission.

Daily Breeze:

- **FBI to Investigate more Jail Violence Charges (October 21, 2011)**
- **Supervisors Press Sheriff for Jail Reforms (October 19, 2011)**

Los Angeles Times:

- **Big Raise for Next Head of Probation? (October 22, 2011)**
- **L.A. County Picks a New Probation Chief (October 21, 2011)**
- **FBI Probing Jail Visitor's Beating Story (October 20, 2011)**
- **Our Deputies (October 6, 2011, Editorial)**

Following discussion, Chairperson Montaña commented that she was impressed with the S.M.A.R.T. program offered to inmates at Men's Central Jail. Commissioner Hall stated the program has been in place for the past 10 years, and is an excellent program geared to assist inmates with their personal challenges through education.

4. Treasurer's Report for October 26, 2011. (11-4712)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$470.77.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-4713)

Nyla Jefferson, staff, Commission Services, reported that the Commission's bylaws were reviewed by County Counsel, and a letter to the Commission regarding the amendment to the by-laws and the amended bylaws are forthcoming. Also, parking was arranged for the Commissioner's October 27, and November 2, 2011 inspection of the Twin Towers.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports. (11-4714)

There were none.

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 20, 2011 to October 25, 2011. (11-4715)

During the reporting period the following facility was reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Bigby, Hall and Moore visited Men's Central Jail (MCJ), on October 20, 2011

Following discussion, the Commissioners noted complaints from the inmates regarding the lack of hot water in the showers, and the sanitary condition in the ward. MCJ staff apprised the commission of two work orders which address the inmates' complaints.

Chairperson Montaño and Commissioner Moore requested MCJ personnel to provide copies of the Grand Jury, Command and Prior Custody Inspection Reports and the inmate complaint reports to the Commission office. Currently, the Commission has not received the requested documents.

Staff was instructed to contact Commander Cooper to have him include in his monthly Business meeting report by facilities the number of inmate complaints; suicide and attempted suicides; and major and minor disturbances.

Also, staff was instructed to write a letter of commendation to Captain Ralph Ornelas, complementing Deputy Randy Bell and Deputy Bart Lanni for providing a tremendous briefing on the S.M.A.R.T. Training Program. Also include inmates' complaints that MCJ Diabetic Ward has no hot water.

Additionally, staff is to contact Riverside and San Diego Counties to find out the number of suicides, attempted suicides and the number of major and minor disturbances involving inmates and report back at the next Commission meeting.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4716)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4717)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of October 26, 2011. (11-4718)

The October 26, 2011 meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.